Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Name & location of the mill	No. of idle workers	Monthly idle wages paid
1.	Muir Mills, Kanpur	1817	30.73
2.	New Victoria Mills, Kanpur	1809	37.20
3.	Swadeshi Cotton Mills, Kanpur	2028	41.03
4.	Lord Krishna Textile Mills, Saharanpur	1325	14.03
5.	Sri Vikram Cotton, Lucknow	760	5.15
6.	Laxmirattan Cotton Mills, Kanpur	1945	36.06
7.	Atherton Mills, Kanpur	1435	22.55
8.	Viramgam Textile Mills, Viramgam	912	12.53
9.	Rajkot Textile Mills, Rajkot	374	7.96
10.	Mahalaxmi Mills, Bhavnagar	909	20.42
11.	Ahmedabad Jupiter Mills, Ahmedabad	1198	28.02
12.	Petlad Textile Mills, Petlad	410	9.99
	TOTAL	14922	265.67

Bringing down the Prices of Janata Cloth

983. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to resume the supply of Janta Cloth for poorer sections of people;

(b) whether Government are aware that costs of ordinary cloth are spiralling upwards;

(c) if so, reasons for the increases; and

(d) the measures Government propose to take to bring down the prices of cloth used by common people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Government is still implementing the Janata Cloth Scheme.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The increase in the prices of cloth is mainly due to increase in the cost of raw-materials used in its production.

(d) From 1986 under the Textile (Control) Order, the policy of Government has been modified to liberalise the setting up of powerlooms. Setting up of powerlooms has further been liberalised w.e.f, 1993 under the Textile (Development and Regulation) Order. Due to the decentralised nature of production in powerlooms, the cloth produced by them is cheaper and today bulk of the requirement of cloth of low income group is being met by powerloom sector to an increased extent from year to year.

Closure of Textile Mills in Ahmedabad

984. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of textile mills in Ahmedabad have been virtually closed down, rendering thousands of workers jobless;

(b) if so, what is the total number of textile mills in Ahmedabad that have shut-down and what is the estimated number of workers rendered jobless;